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by Senior student and former United States Karate Association Honbu Chief Instructor, Milt Calander, 6th Dan, Okinawan Shuri-Ryu

"**Grandmaster Robert A. Trias** would be very proud if he were alive today of the many accomplishments and vision of the United States Karate Alliance," a quote from **Sensei Milt Calander** in a recent interview. He further expressed the following: "The Alliance picked up in 1989 without interruption, a legacy that began after WWII in 1948, some 54 years ago."

I was flying back from Tokyo, Japan in 1987 with O'Sensei Trias after attending the U.S.A. – Japan Friendship Koshiki Games. He was very ill at the time and he expressed to me a great responsibility to his followers in the United States Karate Association, an organization he formed in Phoenix, Arizona from his humble little dojo. On a large yellow legal pad he wrote down his vision, wishes, and instructions for the U.S.K.A.'s future.

Although his wishes were ignored by his offspring to promulgate the organization, his ideas for his regional directors to come together and renew the organization were fulfilled by **James H. Hawkes** of New Mexico and **Dr. David Jordan** of Louisiana. **Mr. Frank Caliguri**, Regional Director from Pennsylvania, had also joined the organization as a regional director. With three of the five active regional directors, the new U.S.K. Alliance carried O'Sensei's wishes beyond his dreams with a bevy of activities

and benefits which are appreciated by sensei and student alike. The remaining two regional directors started their own organizations. One of the two directors, **Master John Pachivas** has since passed on.

The Alliance today is strong and has more styles and active members than its predecessor. We are more active in the Great State of California thanks to Regional Director **Guy Holtzman** and State Director **Maria Evans** than at any time in the past.

The Alliance offers more benefits and services than the previous organization. It continues to nurture and grow our international relationships that Grandmaster Trias fostered in the early years of the old U.S. Karate Association. The national and world tournaments hold much prestige and the annual seminar is unequaled anywhere today.

"Thanks to Mr. James Hawkes and Dr. David Jordan, I am proud to be a member of the U.S. Karate Alliance because it is comforting to know that Grandmaster Trias' efforts, wishes, and vision remain alive and well.

Sincerely,
Milt Calander, 6th Dan

Mr. Calander was a student of Grandmaster Robert A. Trias from 1972 until his death in 1989. He spent two of the seventeen years living at the U.S.K.A. headquarters dojo while attending Phoenix College. Mr. Calander continues to teach Shuri-Ryu at his home in Tempe, Arizona.

STAN O'HARA RECEIVES TRIAS MEMORIAL AWARD

by Rick Nathanson, 7th Dan

Stan O'Hara began studying karate nearly four decades ago, unaware that the martial arts mindset that went along with it would later help him overcome illness and adversity.

In recognition of his achievements as both a superior karate teacher and someone who has lived by the precepts of Bushido, O'Hara Sensei was named a recipient of the Trias Memorial Award. The award, from the membership of the U.S. Karate Alliance Hall of Fame, was presented in July during World Championships in Louisiana. It honors those individuals who best exemplify the values and standards established by the late Grandmaster Robert A. Trias.

"It was an honor and a surprise. Certainly, there were other people who deserved it more," a typically modest O'Hara Sensei said. "The whole

CORRECTION

Daniel Jordan notified us of an error in the September *Bushido Bulletin* regarding the listing of the All American recipients. His name was listed by mistake instead of Jeff Crothers. Mr. Crothers was awarded the All American Award at the 2002 World Championships. Congratulations, Mr. Crothers! Thank you for letting us know, Mr. Jordan, we apologize for the error.

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